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Subject: I support media diversity

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Before the
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Dear Mr. Powell:

I am writing to tell you of my opposition to the proposed changes by your agency to the current Media Ownership Rules.

Further concentration of media ownership does not serve our democratic society based upon democratic principles, but instead undermines it. Following World War II, our government placed restrictions upon news media outlet ownership because of how totalitarian regimes used controlled media concentrated in the hands of a few corporations and government agencies to control their people and move the world towards war. The proposed changes to the current Media Ownership Rules completely undermines this principle that so many Americans have fought to defend from our country's birth to the present

Furthermore, the series of reports released by the FCC about the current media marketplace are focused almost entirely on the economic impact of relaxing the ownership rules. They ignore the public's interest in a diverse and independent press. You have also scheduled only one public hearing regarding this issue. The FCC has barely publicized the proposed changes, and combined with a very short public comment period I can only surmise that you hope to sneak these changes past the American people. I certainly didn't find out about them as a result of anything that was done by your agency.

You should be ashamed that an agency under your leadership is not using what is in the best interests of the American public as its guiding principle, but instead is thinking of what is most profitable for a few huge corporations who only care about the bottom line, not about what is good for democracy.

Sincerely yours,

Ryan Higgins

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From: Paul Hague
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sun, Jan 26, 2003 3:03 PM
Subject: Media Diversity

Michael Powell, FCC Chair
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Chairman Powell:

I believe that media diversity should be a top priority for the FCC, and that media concentration cripples democracy. Please do all you can to preserve-- and refrain from weakening --the rule prohibiting cross ownership of newspapers and television stations in the same market.

Our sources of news have become far too much under the control of big media companies already. Network TV news is nothing but headlines, carefully edited. You should do all you can to encourage diversity and in-depth reporting, especially now.

Sincerely,
Paul Hague
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From: wayne
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sat, Jan 25, 2003 10:20 PM
Subject: Media Concentration

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To whom it may concern, my name is Dan Ryan and I am a 14 year old at hadley Jr. High school and I would like to provide valuable insight on what the youth thinks of your idea of handing over the media to a couple large corporations.

first of all, it would end all news that the public finds valuable. all that would be on the networks would be half-witted programs that the public finds degrading and useless. furthermore the public would most likely abandon television altogether the it is your duty to keep Americans happy and entertained so they can continue to pay your tax dollars and keep you in work.

the American youth will never forgive you if you allow this to happen. if you would like further insight on the way that the American youth feels you may schedule a meeting with me and we may talk further in depth so that we may find a compromise to the media disaster that is already happening that may be made worse. thank you for your time.

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I urge the FCC to preserve the public interest by keeping the media ownership rules in question intact.

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With the serious impact these rule changes will have on our democracy, it is important that the Commission take the time to review these issues more thoroughly and allow the American people to have a meaningful say in the process.

Thank you,

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From: yankee@wt.net
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Subject: Enough already!!! I oppose media concentration!

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Chairman Michael K. Powell:

Before the
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Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review -
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and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202
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From: The (sic)est of (sic)
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Date: Thu, Jan 23, 2003 8:01 PM
Subject: Media Regulations

Michael K. Powell

Chairman

Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Mr. Powell:

I am writing to tell you of my opposition to the proposed changes by your agency to the current Media Ownership Rules.

Further concentration of media ownership does not serve our democratic society based upon democratic principles, but instead undermines it. Following World War II, our government placed restrictions upon news media outlet ownership because of how totalitarian regimes used controlled media concentrated in the hands of a few corporations and government agencies to control their people and move the world towards war. The proposed changes to the current Media Ownership Rules completely undermines this principle that so many Americans have fought to defend from our country's birth to the present.

Furthermore, the series of reports released by the FCC about the current media marketplace are focused almost entirely on the economic impact of relaxing the ownership rules. They ignore the public's interest in a diverse and independent press. You have also scheduled only one public hearing regarding this issue. The FCC has barely publicized the proposed changes, and combined with a very short public comment period I can only surmise that you hope to sneak these changes past the American people. I certainly didn't find out about them as a result of anything that was done by your agency.

You should be ashamed that an agency under your leadership is not using what is in the best interests of the American public as its guiding principle, but instead is thinking of what is most profitable for a few huge corporations who only care about the bottom line, not about what is good for democracy.

We need a voice, and we do not want a money-hungry corporation speaking for us and distorting the facts.

Sincerely yours,

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